

July 7, 2004

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on July 7, 2004, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Clark, Wefald, and Cramer.

Minutes

Mr. Cramer: I move the minutes of June 23, 2004, be approved.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Bills

Mr. Cramer: I move the following bills, as reviewed by the Commission, be approved and paid:

Hlebechuk Construction, Inc.	49,067.90
BNC Insurance, Inc.	50.00
Spherion	878.40
Kern & Associates, Inc.	1,430.44
The Dickinson Press & The Advertiser	82.80
Lisa Hulm Reporting	1,248.75
Mark Knell	76.00
William E. Dodd	129.29
Bill Eide	453.60
Bruce A. Johnson	18.00
Larry L. Larson	34.46
Dean K. Moos	66.00
James R. Deutsch	215.46
Phyllis G. Richter	578.30
Jerry Lein	356.54
Bruce Beechie	92.15
Alan Moch	342.96
Kevin Hanson	565.50
Guy Welch	36.00
Steve Schroeder	24.00
Larry Reisenauer	141.62
ND Newspaper Association	459.59
Thiem Drilling, Inc.	11,681.64
Timothy A. Erdmann	787.10
Richard Fillbrandt	289.79
Nirander M. Safaya	36.00
Wayne Grangaard	637.43
David Bickel	395.02
Leo D Praus	308.22
Steve Kahl	332.94
JP Robbins	528.78
Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco	400.39
CDW Government, Inc.	2,148.00
GeoServ, Inc.	2,887.00
Human Resource Mgmt Services	30.00
DOT	14,289.89

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-266
Otter Tail Corporation
David Baasch, Buffalo, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission adopt the Order issuing a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Otter Tail Corporation to extend electric service to David Baasch for a residential site near Buffalo, North Dakota, Case No. PU-04-266.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-04-247
Bellaire Corporation
Request for Variance, Permit #NAIH-8103
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Bellaire Corporation's request for a variance to the ten-year revegetation responsibility period for 10.09 acres of land that was used as a dragline storage and dismantling site at the Indian Head Mine.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-04-283
Bentonite Performance Minerals
Reclamation Extension 22, Permit 34
Approval

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve Reclamation Period Extension No. 22 for Surface Coal Mining Permit No. 34, held by Bentonite Performance Minerals, to allow the continuation of reclamation activities on 9.31 acres at the Gaylord Olson Mine until June 30, 2005.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-04-315
Cochran Auction Service - Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Cramer: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Brian and Loveta Cochran doing business as Cochran Auction Service, Knox, North Dakota.

Mr. Clark: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2342-01-296
Qwest Corporation
Interconnection/Wholesale Price
Investigation
Notice of Opportunity

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Qwest Corporation's Interconnection/Wholesale Price Investigation, Case No. PU-2342-01-296.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-2342-03-362
Qwest Corporation
Section 272 Biennial Audit Investigation
Notice of Filing and Opportunity

Mr. Clark: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments in Qwest Corporation's Section 272 Biennial Audit Investigation, Case No. PU-2342-03-362.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-282
Otter Tail Corporation
July 2004
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Case No. PU-04-282, Otter Tail Corporation's Electric Fuel Cost Adjustment for July 2004.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-299
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU
July 2004
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s fuel cost adjustment for July 2004, Case No. PU-04-299.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-04-300
Northern States Power Company
July 2004
Fuel Cost Adjustment

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's fuel cost adjustment for July 2004, Case No. PU-04-300.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-702-02-266
Coteau Properties Company
Permit NACT-0201
Application

Mrs. Wefald: I move the Commission adopt an order on the formal hearing that was held on the decision to issue Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NACT-0201 to the Coteau Properties Company.

Mr. Cramer: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:00 NOON.

Executive Secretary

TONY T. CLARK, PRESIDENT